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## PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR STATE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHAT:

The Tennessee Department of Human Services will conduct a public hearing on the 2006-2007 State Plans for its Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The Community Services Block Grant Program assists low-income individuals and families with emergency services, job development, adult education, and other self-sufficiency programs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists low income households in meeting their home energy needs. Benefits include assistance for heating and cooling costs. The Weatherization Assistance Program assists low income households with weatherizing their homes to decrease their energy bills. Benefits include the installation of insulation and other energy saving procedures.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 5, 2006

10:00 A.M. - 12 Noon CST

WHERE: Citizens Plaza State Office Building

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37248

**MORE:** Information concerning the hearing should be addressed to:

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Copies of the draft State Plans will be available in the State Office on the day of the hearing. Written comments on the LIHEAP and WAP State Plans will be accepted at the above address through the close of business April 12, 2006. Written comments on the CSBG State Plan will be accepted through the close of business May 30, 2006.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these public hearings should contact the Tennessee Department of Human Services to discuss services needed to facilitate participation in the hearing. Contact should be made no less than ten days prior to the date of the public hearing to allow the Department time to provide needed services.

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